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NEXT PLACE OF MEETING—NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH (Twenty Miles South of Kosciusko).

TIME—FRIDAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1909.

A. M. BARNETT, Moderator,
S. A. MOORE, Clerk.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Harmony Association met with Walnut Grove Church at 10 A. M., October 23, 1908.

After prayer by W. P. Dorrill, the Moderator appointed the following:

Committee on Credentials: Tom Scott, P. S. Rushing, R. G. Joiner.
Committee on Finance—J. N. Dorrill, J. D. Ellington and D. K. Thomas

The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates from the respective churches:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Good Hope (M)—C. A. Cox, J. H. Mitchell, T. J. Farrell, R. W. Barrett.
Thomastown—J. D. Ellington, E. T. Gober, A. E. Ellington, E. D. Roberts.
Camden—J. W. McKay, J. G. Brewer.
Hebron—O. B. Thornton, T. J. McKay.
Wakeforest—T. J. Ellington, G. W. Moore.
New Providence—J. M. Flowers, W. L. Pearson.
Damascus—P. H. Rushing, H. A. Jones.
Carthage—J. H. Hutchins, W. R. Gross, J. I. Miller.
New Union—W. D. Evans.
Rocky Point—W. P. Dorrill, G. N. Dorrill, E. K. Moore, E. C. Edwards.
Bethel—E. S. Douglas, J. G. Henry, A. N. Thomas.
Cross Roads—J. A. Trest, Walter Hooper, Robert Hawthorne.
dCear Grove—J. T. Fletcher.
Plymouth—B. C. Barham, G. W. Horton.
Hopewell (Choc.)—Robert Comby.
Bethany (Choc.)—Siliman Billie, Willie Jimmy.
Mt. Zion—J. G. Brantley, W. T. Thomas, G. E. Gunter, D. G. Thomas.
Center Hill—John T. Parker, M. D. Allen, John Edwards, Chas. Broach.
Salem—W. H. Pickle, J. R. Phillips, J. N. Dorrill, J. D. Roberts.
Mt. Carmel—C. M. Franks, T. A. Turner.
Peasant Grove—G. M. Hughes.
Lottville—B. T. Leggitt, C. K. Smith.
Laurel Hill—J. K. Sistrunk, A. M. Moore.
Good Hope (L)—G. W. Nutt, J. H. Trest, W. R. Clay, R. H. Wiggins.
Friendship—S. A. Moore, Dr. J. W. W. Lyle J ,G Gilmore, T. G. Ward, D. Maroney.
Freeny—R. G. Joiner, Boyd Freeny.
Standing Pine—O. H. Barnett, Tom Scott, E. W. Barnett.
Walnut Grove—B. W. Ferguson, Ollie Jones, W. G. Davis.
Tuscola—B. T. Russell, J. B. Brit.
New Hope—J. M. Barnett, W. L. Young.
Hope (Choc.)—Willie Farmer, Tom Farmer.
Springfield—F. M. Savell, W. H. Bryan.
Midway—R. L. Harrell, D. M. Ray.

Election of officers by ballot. Brothers Ferguson and Gunter were appointed tellers. The election resulted as follows: Moderator, A. M. Barnett; Clerk and Treasurer, S. A. Moore.

On motion the election of the above named moderator and clerk was made unanimous by a rising vote.

The hour having arrived for the introductory sermon, Brother T. G. Ward read a part of the 4th and 5th chapters of Romans and preached from the 9th and 10th verses, Chapter 10.

On motion the body took a recess of one and a half hours, for refreshments.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," the body was led in prayer by Brother Eastham.

Petitionary letters from Midway, Springfield and Hope (Choc.) were read and on motion received into this Association.

A letter from Shady Grove Church was read and after some discussion a motion prevailed to postpone action for one year.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—E. T. Gober, W. R. Gross, C. M. Franks and Deacons of this Church.

COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF LETTERS—J. D. Roberts, Ollie Jones, R. H. Wiggins.

The following correspondents were enrolled:

Mt. Pisgah Association—E. M. Stroud.
Bay Springs Association—R. B. Gunter.
Hopewell Association—H. H. Harper, J. L. Barber.
Home Mission Board—T. G. Ward.
Orphanage—G. W. Nutt.
Foreign Mission Journal—P. C. Barnett.
Report of Executive Committee was read by J. G. Gilmore.

Motion was made by G. N. Dorrill to change the rule and have the letters read as formerly. The motion was discussed by G. W. Nutt, S. C. Eastham, E. W. Barnett, G. N. Dorrill, and carried.

G. W. Nutt was appointed to read report on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College.

On motion the business of the Association was turned over to the Moderator.

Moved and carried that any member of this Association visiting any other Association be requested to represent us.

On motion T. G. Ward was elected delegate to State Baptist Convention, and G. N. Dorrill, at Alternate.

Report on Publication was read by T. G. Ward. The motion to adopt was discussed by T. G. Ward, Dr. Lyle, and others, and was adopted.

The Committee on religious exercises made the following report: That G. W. Nutt preach tonight, and W. P. Dorrill, tomorrow at 11 A. M., in case we have preaching at those hours.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 A. M.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After prayer led by G. N. Dorrill the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Woman's Work was read by W. P. Dorrill.

The motion to adopt was discussed by J. G. Gilmore, T. G. Ward, G. W. Nutt. Adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

After the creation of the world God made man; and He said that it was not good for man to be alone and so He put him to sleep and took one of the ribs from the man's side, and made woman, to be a help-meet for him, to share his joys and sorrows, and to help him bear the burdens of life. In the economy of Divine Grace she is to be a helper also, she is to share the joys and labors of a Christian life in sending the blessed message of Salvation through Christ to a lost world.

We find the fact recorded in God's word that in the days of the Apostles the women were helpers in this God-given work; for example, Acts, Chap. 18:24-27; also Romans 16:1, 3, 6. Now, with this God-approved precedent, and the example of our noble and consecrated sisters all over the Southern Baptist Convention, we would urge the sisters of our Association, who are not engaged in this God-given work of service for the Master to enter into the work at once of helping to send the good news of Salvation through Jesus Christ to lost men and women; that they may share the joys of salvation, and you, the blessing of service.

For the encouragement of our sisters we will give the statistics of work which the sisters have done for the last Convention year. In Mississippi they have contributed to the work as follows:

Foreign Missions	$2,680.84
Home Missions	1,836.20
Sunday School Board	51.00
Margaret Home	426.20
Training School	340.06
Boxes, Frontier Missionaries	2,211.00
Total cash and box contributions	$7,545.30

(This does not include what they did for State Missions, Education, Orphanage, etc.)

Total contributions for Southern Baptist Convention:

Foreign Missions	$87,515.15
Home Missions	56,190.70
Sunday School Board	1,560.88
Margaret Home	1,909.80
Training School	15,511.52
Boxes, Frontier Missionaries	24,543.40
Total cash and box contributions	$210.742.01

Respectfully submitted, W. P. DORRILL, Chairman.

Report on Sustentation was read by P. H. Rushing. Discussed by T. G. Ward, A. M. Barnett, and others.

By suggestion of the Moderator a subscription for Sustentation was taken up and $75.50 was subscribed, of which $30.00 was collected in cash, the remainder to be forwarded.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

We, your Committee on Sustentation, report as follows: Not knowing the situation fully regarding this cause of ours, yet it is one that deserves our best effort and aid. We believe every pastor should present this cause to his churches in charge, and urge each church to contribute regularly and liberally to the support of these old retired Soldiers of the Cross of Christ, who have worn themselves out preaching the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth—to the Jews first and also to the Greek.

They have not only held up Jesus as a Savior of sinners, but have contended for civil, moral and religious liberty, and righteous living among us in order to the prosperity and advancement of the kingdom of our Lord and for our happiness here on earth. May the Holy Spirit, the Great Teacher, guide us in doing our duty towards them, and may He comfort them in their latter days here on their earth. Brethren and sisters, let us make them happy by administering to the needs.

Signed:

P. H. RUSHING,
O. H. BARNETT,
H. A. JONES,
Committee.

The report on Prohibition was read by S. C. Eastham. Motion to adopt was discussed by S. C. Eastham, T. G. Ward, H. H. Harper, A. M. Barnett, W. P. Dorrill. Adopted.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

Your Committee on Prohibition would report first of all home-training to get us out of the deplorable condition in which we as a nation, have fallen. It is a fact indisputable that we are what we are taught to be. It was our Saviour's first command to His disciples when He sent them out to change people from darkness to light, and it is in the home where truth is taught that the moral character of the child is formed and the foundation of his moral life is laid.

The mind is the organ of truth; therefore, fill the mind with truth of the error of drink and with examples and by the help of our God, we can control it.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. EASTHAM,
E. C. EDWARDS,
J. B. BERT.

The following were appointed the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: N. F. Wallace, Dr. J. W. W. Lyle, E. W. Barnett, J. N. Dorrill, L. A. McKee.

On motion, the name of W. P. Dorrill was stricken out, and Brother Carl O'Neal was asked to preach at this hour at the Methodist church.

The Report of Orphanage was read by B. F. Russell. Discussed by B. F. Russell, G. W. Nutt, Earl Ferguson, G. N. Dorrill, and others. Same was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

During the past year God has greatly blessed our Baptist Orphanage. It is located at Jackson, Miss. It has at present about one hundred, fifty children who are being well trained by our noble Superintendent, J. R. Carter, and his excellent assistants.

The children are taught home work, to labor on the farm and are taught also in the different trades. They are given the advantage of an eight-months' school. The Orphanage needs a good school building and our prayerful support. We should feel grateful to our Lord for such a loving home for our helpless children.

Therefore, we recommend that our people give it their earnest prayers, their liberal contributions and frequent visits.

FLOYD RUSSELL,
J. W. McKAY,
Committee.

The Report on Digest of Letters was read by J. D. Roberts and adopted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

Number of Churches	32
Value of Church property	$9,300.00
Increase of Membership	254
Decrease of Membership	124
Total increase	130
Total membership	1898
Church repairs and building	$ 941.17
Pastor's salary	$1,960.25
Ministerial help	580.65
Missions	$1,022.29
Orphanage	62.32
Other objects	5.75
Sunday School expenses	41.50
Ministerial relief	6.00
Incidentals	16.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ROBERTS,
R. H. WIGGINS,
OLLIE JONES.

Report of Executive Board, south of Pearl River, was read by S. A. Moore. Same was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD (South of Pearl River).

Our Board held a meeting at New Hope in January. The regular programme was taken up and several questions of interest discussed.

We had another meeting at Good Hope in June. At this meeting the clerk was instructed to inform each church that it was requested by the Board to take a collection for Associational Missions, and to send to the Association the amount collected to pay some of our ministers a debt we owe them for mission work in the bounds of our Association. The overplus if any, to go to Home Missions.

In August we met at Freeny Church, the proceedings of which were published in the county papers.

A. M. BARNETT, Moderator,
S. A. MOORE, Clerk.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Each meeting of the Association brings to us the sorrowful note that Death continues his ceaseless reaping and this without being a respecter of persons. The young and the old, the high and the low, the rich and the poor have answered to his call; but we should not complain, for it is written, "Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me."

Some lingered long in pain, some went away suddenly, but not one went before his time—not a day too early, not an hour too late. We weep with those who weep; we sorrow because of our loss; but not as those who have no hope; some day we will read the meaning of our tears and then up there we will understand.

The names of our dead are as follows: Sister Dreunett Allen, Sister T. V. Franks, Brother W. S. Young, Sister Callie Tullos, Sister Alice C. Thornton, Sister Parllee Harkins, Brother J.W. Britt, Brother G. G. Nazary, Sister Lillian Hendricks, Sister Lizzie Anderson, Brother Marion Wooten, Brother J. V. Roberts, Sister Sallie Thomas, Brother W. J. Land, Sister T. A. Dabbs, Brother M. E. Tullos, Sister Lula Starling, Brother Charlie Weems, Sister Mary Russell.

Respectfully submitted, BOYD FREENY,
R. G. JOINER,
Committee.

On motion the offer of Carthage Church to entertain the Preachers' Institute was accepted, and Carthage chosen as the place for the Institute to be held. The time to embrace the fifth Sunday in November, 1908.

The Report on Queries and Requests was read by Brother Barham, and was adopted after being amended.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

We, your Committee on Queries and Requests find no queries.
We find that Bethel Church asks for $30.00 supplement on pastor's

salary; Wakeforest, $25.00; Midway, $25.00; Damascus, $25.00.

We also find that Lotville asks for the next meeting of the Association.

B. C. BARHAM,
WALTER HOOPER.

By a vote of the body New Providence was selected as the next place of meeting.

On motion the body took a recess of one hour for refreshments.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing "Meet me There" Brother G. W. Nutt led the body in prayer.

The Moderator appointed J. G. Gilmore, P. C. Barnett and B. W. Ferguson to read a report on nominations.

The report on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College was read by R. B. Gunter.

Motion to adopt same was discussed by R. B. Gunter, G. W. Nutt and others.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

One of the requirements of a minister is aptness to teach. But no man is apt to teach that which he does not know. This knowledge comes through some of the special senses. It came to Peter through sight and hearing. Having sat at the Saviour's feet for three years, he learned during that time that which we must learn from the written page. Someone will say, "But the Holy Spirit will teach you." But Peter knew nothing of the Holy Spirit until he had acquired this knowledge, which was the result of three years' association with the greatest Teacher the world can know—the living Word.

But since we are not of that age, it is not ours to walk and study this Living Word; yet we are not deprived of this knowledge. It is the purpose and design of Mississippi College to give to every prospective minister an opportunity to drink at the fountain of learning. It says to him who is athirst; "Come and drink deep, but it will cost somebody silver and gold, and it will cost you toil." Bu he in whose heart the love of the Lord's cause is greater than the fear of labor will find his work easy, for the essence of love is service.

We must face facts. There is an erroneous idea in the minds of many prospective ministers, that to attend Mississippi College they will study nothing but the Bible. In reality the Bible constitutes not more than one-fifth of a ministerial students' work. At least four-fifths of his time is given to intellectual development along literary lines, all of which is essential to a thorough understanding of the Bible. Nor does the College want a man who is not willing to take this work.

Last year the College enrolled 460 pupils; this year up to the close of the third week, the enrollment was 337, fifty of whom are ministerial students. The number would have been much larger had there been sufficient funds.

It is the duty of the laymen to provide the means, it is the duty of the minister to take advantage of this opportunity. Just as the scythe with the keen edge can fell more wheat with less effort, so can the educated Bible scholar win more souls to Christ with greater simplicity and with greater ease. Knowledge is power. The man who is called to preach is also called to do whatsoever his hands find to do. We are given minds to develop. God does not do for us that which we can do for ourselves.

Get for yourselves all you can in the high schools of our State, and then when you have finished the courses in those schools, go to Mississippi College.

God speed the day when all our preachers will see that the ministery requires and calls for all their time.

Respectfully submitted,

The following resolutions adopted in reference to the Newton School:

RESOLVED, That we the Harmony Baptist Association express our appreciation of the new Baptist College at Newton, and express our willingness to co-operate with the same and extend to its president an invitation to visit our Associations and present its cause to us.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by G. N. Dorrill.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions is taught in the Bible, for Christ said to His eleven disciples, (Matt. 28:19), "Go teach **all** nations." This means **all** countries and **all** people in those various countries. Jesus Christ Himself was a foreign missionary: from heaven to earth he came. Jesus's first disciples were foreign missionaries to all nations, because Christ opened their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures (Luke 24:45-47), and then taught them the necessity of preaching the gospel to all nations. The Apostle Paul was a foreign missionary to the Gentile world.

We thank God for this plan of work to carry out His commission, "Go ye into all the world," which we believe applies to us now.

God has two ways of making known His will to man: (1) By what He has said to man; and (2) by what He has done for man. And although it has taken nearly two thousand years for the Church to fully appreciate this fact, we are thankful to see the advanced step taken by His people of late years.

This is the foundation command of the only law given in Zion to His loyal subjects, and let us continue to "Go" until every nook and corner of this terrestrial globe shall be taken for Him. Most gratefully do we thank Him for His approval set to this work this year in giving to His cause 2,174 converts from heathenism, who have been brought into the churches on a profession of faith in Christ and baptism.

These are encouraging results which should make us all rejoice. There has been given this Conventional year $420,328.00, which paid all the indebtedness. The advance is a long forward move. We have our medical

schools and hospitals, which are doing untold and eternal good among the people of foreign lands. God is using this agency to reach many lost souls which otherwise could never have been reached.

Then there are the publishing houses and chapels. No time can be lost! Trained leaders are needed to build schools and churches; publish papers and books; preach the gospel and live exemplary lives in all the heathen countries.

There were 1,427 baptized in papal lands; twenty-four day schools and one hundred thirty Sunday schools are in operation; $25,727.88 was contributed on these fields. The Papal Missions include Argentine, Brazil, Italy and Mexico. Fields of Missionary labor helped by our Foreign Board with number in each field: China, 105; Africa, 15; Italy, 4; Brazil, 39; Mexico, 34; Japan, 18; Argentine, 8; total on foreign field, 223.

Home mission fields embrace all the territory in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and Cuba; State Missions embrace the State of Mississippi.

"The Foreign Mission Journal" is a very helpful paper, which should be read in connection with the new text-book, "The Why and How of Foreign Missions," and with both these take the Bible which is the best authority on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

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The report on Home Missions was read by Dr. J. W. W. Lyle:

REPORT NO HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

The Home Mission Board, through which we do our work, has done excellent work during the past year, and God has blessed their labors; yet, they could have done a greater work if they had had the laborers and the means, and the laborers would have been forthcoming if they had had the means to support them.

The Home Board had in the South last year nine hundred nineteen missionaries; 21,266 churches and baptized 17,760 converts.

They received the magnificent sum of $265,335.59, which is an increase over the year before of about $27,000.00. These figures are encouraging and make a splendid showing. However, when we figure out the amount of per capita it is pitiably small—small enough to make any Baptist Christian blush with shame. Think of 2,015,080 Baptists paying only $265,335.59—an average of 13.1 cents each. Mississippi has of that number 122,244, and paid $13,490.61, which is only 11¼ cents each. This Association with 1,968 members, paid only $216.70, or 11 1-89 cents each, which shows that we are even behind an average of the state.

This state of affairs should not exist. Therefore, we urge our pastors and preachers to instruct the membership in the art of giving. (Use such

texts as Gen. 28:20-22; 1 Chron. 29:11-14; Prov. 3:9-10, 28:27; Daniel 12:2-3; I Cor. 16:1-4; II Cor. 9:6-9; Acts 20:34-35, and such kindred passages). It is the duty of the pastor to so teach them, as they are commanded, "Teach them all things whatsoever I have commanded you," and He certainly commanded us to give of our substance to the Lord.

Respectfully,

J. W. W. LYLE,
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The report on State Missions was read by P. C. Barnett:

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The spirit of the Great Missionary is that of sending and being sent. The different divisions of mission work is for our convenience in co-operation. State Missison is the foundation work of the mission cause. It is the home, therefore that is the place from which to start: It is the Judea of the Bible from which Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth are to be reached; and the more we neglect State Missions the greater will be our failure in the regions beyond—the more faithful we are in the cause of state missions, the greater will be our success in the Master's kingdom.

We rejoice to see the slow but steady growth of State missions in Mississippi for the last few years. Baptisms connected with State Missions are more and more each year.

The Sunday Schools of the state are being built up through State Missions. Within the last few years more than five hundred churches have been aided by State Missions, more than four hundred of which are independent and doing noble work in the cause of missions. Surely it is a work that our Master is willing to own as His own. We are thankful for the spirit of increasing liberality and zeal that is being manifested among the Baptists of the state, not only in State Missions but along all lines of Mission work.

But we would not forget that while more is being done than ever before, there yet remains more to be done than ever before; and while our contributions are increasing we are not yet meeting the needs of our Board. They could use twice as much as we give them, and we are amply able to give it.

One of the great causes of our failure to contribute is the lack of right teaching. May every pastor in Harmony Association feel the importance and responsibility of rightly teaching his people on the subject of Missions.

We recommend that State Missions be increased largely in this Association next year.

Respectfully,

P. C. BARNETT, Chairman.

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Motion to adopt the above three reports was discussed by G. N. Dorrill, Dr. J. W. W. Lyle, P. C. Barnett, T. G. Ward, G. W. Nutt. Adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

If there was no end of making many books when wise men wrote, what shall we say in this day of innumerable writers and multitudinous printing presses. With the multiplication of daily papers and magazines made so marvelously cheap and distributed at the very doors of our people in town and in country by our excellent postal delivery system. The press is a rapidly increasing power for good or evil. The apostles of error are not ignorant of this power and are doing much through the popular literature of the day to propagate their views. The secular press is taking more notice of religious matters than ever before but the additional comments from this source are so often permeated by the prevailing liberalism of the times that they tend to subvert the very foundations of our faith. Never was the need greater that stalwart uncompromising type of journalism which contends earnestly but in Christ-like spirit for the faith delivered once for all to the saints.

That man is blind to the moral and spiritual welfare of himself and family, who does not exercise untiring vigilance as to the literature that goes into his home. Many of the daily papers and much of the popular literature which floods the country today ought to be debarred from our homes.

Your Committee would recommend as worthy of a place in all of our homes "Our Home Field," "The Foreign Mission Journal," "The Literature of our Sunday School Board" at Nashville, "The Orphanage Gem," "The Baptist Record" and "The Mississippi Baptist," published at Newton. As to our State paper, "The Baptist Record" we notice with interest the steady improvement it is making along lines that go to make it a more efficient force in our denominational work. Though not blind to its limitations we recognize that it is doing much more for the denomination than the denomination is doing for it. It is the unfaltering friend of all our Boards, and freely opens its columns to it; it is a bond of union for our independent churches and begets co-operation in all our work; it is a news letter coming into our homes every week, with tidings of conquest and stories of the trials and triumphs of our brethren; it brings to us the best thought of some of our leading exegetics. It is an indepensable pastor's assistant and every pastor in the Association should endeavor to see that it finds its way into every Baptist home in his field.

We urge our people to take the paper, read it, pay for it, and pray for it.

Respectfully submitted, T. G. WARD, Ch'm.

Was discussed by T. G. Ward, J. G. Gilmore, and others and was adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that J. G. Gilmore would preach at the evening service; that A. M. Barnett will preach tomorrow at the 11 A. M. service, in this house; and W. P. Dorrill would preach at the same hour in the Methodist church.

The report on Finance was read by J. N. Dorrill, and on motion adopted.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's report and found it correct as stated.

We have received and paid over to the Treasurer the following amounts:

For Associational purposes and clerk	$ 86.47	
For Associational Missions	28.50	
For State Missions	47.90	
For Home Missions	16.75	
For Foreign Missions	36.15	
For Orphanage	7.50	
For Sustentation	1.00	
Total paid to Treasurer	$224.27	$ 224.27

We find the following amounts have been forwarded:

For State Missions	$222.79	
For Home Missions	234.00	
For Foreign Missions	298.26	
For Orphanage	82.82	$837.87
		$1,062.14

Making a grand total of $1,062.14, paid for Associational purposes, State, Home and Foreign Missions and the Orphanage.

Respectfully,

JOHN N. DORRILL,
D. K. THOMAS,
J. D. ELLINGTON,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

From Finance Committee	$268.25	
From T. W. Wilkinson	1.00	
Collections Sunday	10.00	
Total		$ 279.25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid A. V. Rowe:		
State Missions	$141.25	
Home Missions	21.15	
Foreign Missions	9.50	
General Missions	9.90	
Sustentation	1.00	
Paid J. R. Carter	7.10	
Printing Minutes	46.36	
Clerk's Fee	15.00	
Messenger to S. B. C.	22.00	
W. E. Dear, account 1906	4.05	
Postage and stationery for 1907	.60	
Postage and stationery for 1908	1.80	
Total		$ 279.71

The report on Nomination was read by J. G. GilRore and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that Brother J. G. Gilmore be appointed to preach the introductory sermon, with G. N. Dorrill as Alternate.

We recommend that the Executive Board, North Side, meet with Good Hope, Madison, Church in January.

We recommend that the Executive Board ,South Side, meet with Tuscola Church in January.

We recommend one Brother from each church with the additional member appointed by the church to constitute the Executive Board for next year, to-wit:

Freeny—B. D. Joiner.
Camden—Robert Addkinson.
Cedar Grove—J. L. Fletcher.
Laurel Hill—J. K. Sistrunk.
Mt. Carmel—T. A. Turner.
Salem—J. D. Roberts.
Damascus—Felix Rushing.
Pleasant Grove—John Johnson.
Walnut Grove—W. G. Davis.

Choctaw Churches:
Hope Well—Robert Tomby.
Bethany—Will Jimmy.
Hope—Willie Farmer.
Mt. Zion—Solomon Stiloby.
Cross Roads—Walter Hooper.
Good Hope (M)—C. A. Cox.
Good Hope (L)—J. H. Trest.
Thomastown—E. D. Roberts.
New Hope—Lon Young.
Tuscola—Floyd Russell.
Wake Forest—G. W. Moore.
Stumpbridge—W. P. Wallace.
Center Hill—Jno. Edwards.
Lottville—B. F. Leggett.
New Union—T. M. Mooney.
Standing Pine—A. M. Langston.
Plymouth—G. W. Horton.
Pleasant Hill—J. N. Langston
Carthage—W. R. Grass.
Springfield—Frank Savil.
Mt. Zion—J. L. Owens.
Rocky Point—E. K. Moore.
Friendship—D. Maroney

Hebron—O. B. Thornton.
Bethel—E. S. Douglas.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. GILMORE,
B. W. FERGUSON,
Committee.

Adjourned to meet the following day at 9 A. M.

SUNDAY---THIRD DAY.

After singing, the body was led in prayer by J. G. Gilmore and the Moderator appointed the following committee, W. P. Dorrill, G. W. Horton, E. W. Barnett, W. J. Barnett, to prepare a history of Harmony Baptist Association, and present it for publication at the next meeting.

RESOLVED, That the clerk be allowed his usual fee of $15.00 for his services, and instructed to pay the expenses of the delegate to the S. B. C., and the necessary postage, etc., for Committee on History of the Association.

Report on Sunday School was read by J. G. Gilmore. Motion to adopt was discussed by J. G. Gilmore, E. W. Barnett, Earl Ferguson and R. B. Gunter. Motion to amend by the addition of a resolution offered by T. G. Ward and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Our well informed Brethren everywhere are agreed that the Sunday School which is the teaching services of the churches is next in importance to the preaching service.

The repeated assertion of our best informed Brethren claim that at least three-fourths of our increase each year comes from the Sunday School. where they are taught the fundamental truths of the Bible. Hence, the importance of a Sunday School in each church.

It is also a fact that more people study the Bible in the Sunday School than anywhere else; therefore, we urge the Sunday School question. It is an appalling fact that less than half of our churches report no Sunday School, We are neglecting one of the greatest evangelizing agencies at our command when we neglect the Sunday School. No church can hope to do its best for the Master's cause, while neglecting the religious training of our children.

Of the thirty-two churches reporting to this body only twelve have Sunday Schools, with a total enrollment of 503 students.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) That more thought, prayer, and time be given to this important department of our work.

(2) That we maintain independent schools wherever possible.

(3) That our schools use only the literature of the Sunday School Board at Nashville.

(4) That each church see to it that their school, if there be one, be reported to the Association.

In conclusion, we urge our churches to give more attention to this important department of our great work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. GILMORE,
G. W. HORTON.

RESOLVED, That the Moderator be requested to appoint a committee of three, consisting of T. G. Ward, R. G. Joiner, G. N. Dorrill, to have J. E. Byrd, our Sunday School Missionary to hold in our midst a Sunday School Institute during our next Associational year.

Resolution of thanks read by J. G. Gilmore:

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks by this body is hereby tendered to Walnut Grove Church and community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this session of our body, and also a vote of thanks to our Methodist brethred for the use of their house of worship.

The Executive Committee submitted its report as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

TO THE HARMONY ASSOCIATION:

Dear Brethren—Through the recommendation of your Committee the State Board is supplementing the following churches on pastor's salary, per the following amounts:

Camden Church	$ 25.00
Hebron Church	20.00
Laurel Hill Church	20.00
Lottville Church	25.00
Damascus Church	20.00
Pleasant Grove Church	25.00
Freeny Church	25.00
Wake Forest Church	20.00
Bethel	40.00
Total	$220.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. GILMORE, Ch'm.,
W. P. DORRILL,
M. H. BOYD,
J. W. McKAY,
L. A. McKEE.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with New Providence Church at 10 A. M., Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1909.

A. M. BARNETT, MODERATOR.

S. A. MOORE, CLERK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

P. H. Rushing	Carthage
R. G. Joiner	Carthage
P. C. Barnett	Estes Mill
J. B. Anderson	Carthage
S. C. Eastham	Edinburg
A. M. Barnett	Carthage
W. E. Dear	Carthage
T. G. Wnrd	Lena
J. G. Gilmore	Lena
Scott York (Choc.)	Carthage
G. W. Nutt	Lena
W. P. Dorrill	Dossville
G. N. Dorrill	Dossville
Allen Willis (Choc.)	Conway
Will Jimmy (Choc.)	Franks
Y. M. Edwards	Waldo

LICENSED MINISTERS.

W. R. Clayton	Camden
W. O. Owens	Carthage
B. H. Weems	Lameta
W. W. Crow	Dossville
C. C. Anderson	Lena
N. T. Sikes	Edinburg

COMMITTEES FOR 1909.

Foreign Missions—T. G. Ward.
Home Missions—J. G. Gilmore.
State Missions—G. N. Dorrill.
Publications—W. P. Dorrill.
Prohibition—J. B. Anderson.
Ministerial Education and Mississippi College—Dr. J. W. W. Lyle.
Sunday Schools—J. H. Trest.
Woman's Work—P. H. Rushing.
Orphanage—S. C. Eastham.
Nominations—R. G. Joiner.
Sustentation—G. W. Nutt.
Obituaries—B. F. Russell.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Time of Meeting.	Increase. Baptiz'd	Increase. By lett'r	Increase. Restoration	Decr'se By lett'r	Decr'se Excl'd	Decr'se Dead	Total Memb'rship	Minutes Wanted.
Midway	S. C. Eastham, Edinburg	Miss Rosa Ray, Edinburg		5						12	6
Bethany (Choc.)	Willie Jimmy, Waldo	Siliman Bell, Philadelphia	3	1					1	11	6
Bethel	W. P. Dorrill, Dossville	J. W. Phillips, Edinburg	3					1		46	20
Camden		J. W. McKay, Camden	3	1	8		2			34	10
Carthage	T. G. Ward, Lena	N. F. Wallace, Carthage	2	6	7	1	3			101	20
Cedar Grove	B. H. Weems, Lameta	J. A. Watkins, Lena		4						50	20
Center Hill	G. N. Dorrill, Dossville	J. D. Pope, Conway	3	4	2	1	4		1	89	25
Cross Roads	J. G. Gilmore, Lena	Horace Anderson, Lena	2	29	4					65	20
Damascus	T. G. Ward, Lena	C. A. Bynum, Dossville	2	2	1	3	1	4	1	22	10
Friendship		S. A. Moore, Beach	2	8	7		8		3	189	75
Freeny	P. C. Barnett, Carthage		3	3							10
Good Hope (L)	T. G. Ward, Lena	R. H. Wiggins, Lena	4	10	2		5		1	103	30
Good Hope (M)		R. S. Barrett, Couparle	3	22	2	1	7	1	2	133	25
Hebron	R. G. Joiner, Carthage	O. B. Thornton, Mamie	1				3	8	1	14	5
Hopewell	G. N. Dorrill, Dossville										5
Hopewell (Choc.)	Scott York, Carthage	Robert Comby, Carthage								15	8
Hope (Choc.)	Scott York, Carthage	Willis Farmer, Waldo	1								5
Laurel Hill	R. G. Joiner, Carthage	J. M. Sikes, Waldo	4	9	4		1	1		43	12
Lottville	R. G. Joiner, Carthage	B. F. Leggitt	3	7	5					28	12
Mt. Carmel	A. M. Barnett, Carthage	Y. A. Ward, Edinburg	1		5	2	7		2	49	20
Mt. Zion	A. M. Barnett, Carthage	G. E. Gunter, Madden	4	6		1	3	1	1	119	30
Mt. Zion (Choc.)	Allen Willis, Conway	S. W. Stoliby, Conway	1								10
New Union	R. G. Joiner, Carthage	B. E. Kemp, Dossville		3	3	1	2			50	20
New Hope	J. G. Gilmore, Lane	Floyd Young, Estes Mill	3	1	1	1	2	4		65	12
New Providence	T. G. Ward, Lena	J. D. Gross, Conway	2	4			3		1	44	15
Pleasant Hill	J. G. Gilmore, Lena	J. F. Rinenalt, Lena	1	9	1		1	2	1	59	25
Pleasant Grove	G. N. Dorrill, Dossville	Emmett Hughes, Dossville	4	15	7			1		53	12
Plymouth	N. T. Sikes, Edinburg	Eugene Risher, Madden		4	4		7			28	10
Rocky Point	G. N. Dorrill, Dossville	C. H. Lowe, Dossville	2		3	3		1	2	136	30
Salem	J. T. McGee, Center	John N. Dorrill, Edinburg	1	1	7		9		1	107	35
Standing Pine	A. M. Barnett, Carthage	E. W. Barnett, Carthage		2				3		79	15
Springfield	B. C. Barham	F. M. Savall									6
Stumpbridge	S. G. Cooper, Canton	A. B. Coleman, Cobbville					1			27	10
Tuscola	Will Blackman, Beach	B. F. Russell, Tuscola	2	3		2		11	2	77	20
Thomastown	H. M. Whitten, Kosciusko	J. D. Ellington, Bolatusha		13	5	1	10	1		108	30
Wake Forest	J. B. Anderson, Carthage	A. L. Young, McVille	1	3		1	11	2	1	85	6
Walnut Grove		J. L. Parker, Walnut Grove	3	11	3				1		25

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